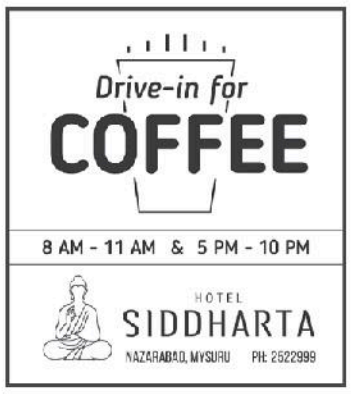

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Blazing fire engulfs house in Kumbarakoppal

House belongs to Vidyavardhaka Sangha President Gundappa Gowda; alert neighbours rescue family

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (RK&BS)- In a major fire accident, household articles and vehicles, estimated worth several lakhs of rupees, were gutted at a house in Kumbarakoppal here in the wee hours of today.

The incident occurred at the house of Gundappa Gowda, President of Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), between 2.30 am and 2.45 am. Fortunately, the occupants of the house, including Gowda, his wife Nagamma, second son Narendra, his wife Sowmya and two children, had a miraculous escape, kudos to the exemplary bravery displayed by the alert neighbours who brought them out to safety.

The shell-shocked Gowda's family members have been shifted to another house owned by them in the same locality, it is said. Gundappa Gowda couple was sleeping on the ground floor, while their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren were sleeping on the first floor of the house.

House engulfed in flames.

Charred remains of the electric scooter and other vehicles.

Front view of the house after fire was doused.

Ground floor interiors gutted.

Gowda's neighbour, who resides opposite his house, woke up to a sound and noticed raging flames in Gowda's compound, engulfing the house. He rushed out to alert other neighbours who joined him in the rescue efforts. Even in the wee hours, the neighbours rushed to the first floor of Gowda's house from the terrace of the neighbouring house and succeeded in bringing the family out of the rooms to a safe space.

While there is no clarity yet on what triggered the fire, the public, who were present at the spot, say that it could be due to malfunctioning of a plug of the battery cable of an Electric Vehicle (EV) fixed to the socket-holder for recharge on the compound wall, causing a short circuit. The fire spread to another two-wheeler and a brand-new SUV, reducing all of them to ashes.

(See FIRE on page 6)

Surprise visitor to Mysuru!

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar visits city

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (OSR)- In a lightning visit to the city this morning, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar arrived in Mysuru and stayed for nearly two hours, reliable sources confirmed to *Star of Mysore*.

Nitish Kumar

Nitish Kumar, accompanied by JD(U) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Kumar Jha, JD(U) MLA Sanjeev Kumar, and Bihar BJP leader Rajnish Kumar, landed at the Mysore Airport at 11.15 am. They then proceeded towards Mysuru city in two private cars under a Police escort.

According to sources, they visited a doctor in Lakshmipuram and spent an hour at the clinic before returning directly to the Airport. The visitors departed from the Airport in a private plane at 1 pm. The nature of the visit, whether political or for a health check-up, remains undisclosed.

KRS Dam water level dips to 87.31 ft amid scorching heat

In 2023 on Mar. 19, water level stood at 102.26 ft

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (RK&BCT)- As the scorching summer heat intensifies, exacerbating the already rising temperatures, the demand for drinking water is surging across Mysuru region. However, the situation has taken a dire turn as the water level at KRS Dam is decreasing at an alarming rate, a consequence of prolonged non-rainfall days as a result of a failed monsoon in 2023 and erratic weather patterns.

With the water level at the Dam dwindling, Mysuru City Corporation and other Municipalities are forced to resort to emergency measures, dispatching water through tankers to meet the escalating demand in urban areas.

KRS Dam has a maximum capacity of 124.80 ft and today's level stands at 87.31 ft. Currently, 883 cusecs of water is being released from the Reservoir for drinking water purposes. Apart from Mysuru, the Dam caters to drinking water needs of Mandya and over 1.4 crore people in Bengaluru.

Notably, in 2023, on Mar. 19, the water level at the Dam stood at 102.26 ft with an inflow of 352 cusecs and an outflow of 4,000 cusecs. This year, there is a deficit of 14.81 ft when compared to 2023.

(See KRS on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 20th March 2024

SDM-IMD signs MoU with TT Group Logistics

To conduct training and certification programmes for students and executives

Mysuru, Mar. 20 - Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru and TT Skill (Member of TT Group, Chennai) have officially entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

This collaboration aims to conduct training and certification programmes for students and executives at SDM-IMD, leveraging the expertise of SDM-IMD faculty and senior practitioners, along with experts from the domain of supply chain logistics.

The scope of the MoU covers various aspects of supply chain logistics, including air, surface, and shipping logistics.

Dr. (Lt. Col.) S.N. Prasad, Director of SDM-IMD, exchanged the MoU with Kochat Narendran, Director representing TT Skill (A TT Group company).

Also present were K. Sridhar, Vice-President, Projects; Debajyoti Bagchi, Vice-President, Business Development (Air Cargo Logistics) of TT Logistics; Karthi Baskar, Director (TT Logistics), MD & CEO of FFAF Logistics, Bengaluru and Rohit Ghosh, Founder & CEO of Skilledge 4.0, Pune, the knowledge partner.

This collaboration holds significant promise as the field of supply chain logistics is experiencing rapid growth in India, presenting vast opportunities for training, internships, on-the-job training and job placements.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

AFFECTION, CAUSE FOR DISASTER: ***Dhritarashtra was silent when Duryodhana unleashed his fury against the Pandavas. It was not that Dhritarashtra lacked affection for his brother Pandu's sons. The problem with Dhritarashtra was his love towards his son Duryodhana, said Kidambi Narayanan in a discourse. Because of his excessive attachment to his son, he did not check him, or overrule his wrong decisions. But when the Pandavas depart for the forest, Dhritarashtra is anxious. He sends for Vidura and enquires about the Pandavas. Vidura tells him about the attitude of the Pandavas, which is a clear indication that they are going to have their revenge later. Vidura also says that there have been many ill omens, which show what awaits the Kauravas.***

Even as Vidura and Dhritarashtra are conversing, Narada comes to the court and says to Dhritarashtra, "Fourteen years from now, Bhima and Arjuna will destroy your entire family. And this is entirely due to Duryodhana." And indeed, it is Duryodhana who has put the entire Kuru clan in danger. But while Duryodhana is guilty of arrogance and jealousy, Dhritarashtra is guilty of being a weak, vacillating king. Had he vetoed Duryodhana's plan to get the Pandavas to gamble, none of the subsequent events would have happened. A king should think of the welfare of his kingdom.

— In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

MTR prepares 123 ft. dosa to break record

Bengaluru: MTR, a food company, celebrated its 100th anniversary by cooking up a dosa measuring just over 123 feet long.

MTR Foods gathered a team of 75 chefs, led by Chef Regi Mathews, to create the 123.03ft. dosa at the company's factory in Bommasandra, Bengaluru.

The savory crepe took the Guinness World Record for longest dosa from a 54-foot, 8.69-inch dosa cooked up in Hyderabad, Telangana, in 2014.

"I'm thrilled to announce a historic milestone at MTR! Proudly celebrating the 100th anniversary with a Guinness World Records title for the longest dosa, measuring an incredible 123.03 feet," Mathews wrote on social media.

World's largest frog on the brink of extinction

Douala: The Goliath Frog, the largest living frog on Earth, is facing extinction after a 50% decline in population size in the last three generations, mainly due to human activity.

The Goliath Frog certainly lives up to its name. Reaching up to 13 inches long (32 cm) from snout to vent, and weighing up to 7.2 lb (3.25 kg), it is by far the world's largest frog. However, it has a contrastingly tiny habitat range in Africa's Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea, which makes it particularly vulnerable to human-related habitat destruction.

They are skittish creatures that tend to avoid humans as much as possible, but increasingly sophisticated traps and habitat destruction have caused a massive decrease in the number of Goliath frogs, and experts warn that if things don't change soon, this impressive creature will become extinct.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Treatment for rectal cancer includes neoadjuvant (before surgery) chemotherapy/radiation, adjuvant (after surgery) chemotherapy/radiation and surgery (laparoscopic/open surgery.

By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H. - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Bags Priyadarshini Award- 2024

Rachana Mahesh** (centre), **Managing Director, Edukare ITES, Mysuru, receiving Priyadarshini Award-2024 for Leadership in Business Services on Mar.2 at New Delhi during the 14th Global Economic Summit FIWE & MSME. The Award was presented to her by chief guest Sandeep Marwah, Founder - Chancellor, AAFT University of Media & Art, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Rajni Aggarwal - President FIWE and Roopali Gupta.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **87.31 feet**	Today's level **2,267.07 feet**	Today's level **2,829.59 feet**
Last year's level **101.92 feet**	Last year's level **2,261.34 feet**	Last year's level **2,827.06 feet**
Yesterday's level **87.45 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,267.17 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.6 feet**
Today's Inflow **76 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **64 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **189 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **883 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Hummingbirds are the only known birds that can also fly backwards.***
- ***The Inland Taipan (also known as, the Western Taipan) is the most venomous snake in the world. A single bite contains enough venom to kill at least 100 fully grown men and can kill within just 30 minutes, if left untreated.***
- ***The shortest living animal in the world is the Mayfly. Its entire adult lifespan is just 24 hours.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Raju: Why are fish so easy to weigh?
Answer: Because they have their own scales!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.09**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 105.70**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.62**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 90.29**

VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic Police in the wrong direction

Sir,

Since a couple of months, Traffic Police are checking the motorists to apprehend them for drunken driving opposite Mandovi Motors, towards city side, on KRS Road.

Traffic Police have put the barricades on the wrong side of KRS Road, targeting motorists heading towards Mysuru city, to check for drunken driving. This strategic flaw significantly limits the efficacy of the Police efforts.

It is evident that the majority of motorists travelling from the KRS direction, towards Mysuru city, have limited access to establishments serving alcohol. Consequently, they are less likely to be driving under the influence of alcohol.

On the contrary, motorists travelling from Mysuru city side, where numerous bars and pubs are situated, present a higher risk of drunken driving.

These motorists use KRS Road to access various residential areas scattered along its stretch.

By placing the barricades on KRS Road towards these residential areas would logically increase the likelihood of apprehending more drunken drivers, thereby enhancing the overall safety on the roads.

The current deployment of barricades towards the city side on KRS Road just squanders the valuable time and resources of our Traffic Police, in an unproductive manner.

It is imperative that law enforcement agencies reassess their strategy and redirect their efforts towards areas with higher potential for detecting instances of drunken driving.

I request the authorities concerned to promptly rectify this location oversight and realign their focus towards more productive and impactful policing measures.

By doing so, they can ensure safer roads for all residents and tourists alike.

—K. Chandrahas
KRS Road, Mysuru
19.3.2024

'Vrutti Darshan' seminar held at JSS

Mysuru, Mar. 20- JSS Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital, Department of PG and Ph.D Studies in Shalya Tantra, had organised a one-day National Seminar titled *'Vrutti Darshan -10th Episode'* on Mar.15 at Sri Rajendra Centenary Auditorium, JSS Hospital, Mysuru, with the theme *'Understanding Infection and Anti Microbial Agents - An integrated Approach.'*

The programme was inaugurated by chief guest R. Mahesh, Director, Medical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha.

Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted the need of integration and its futuristic implication in health care.

Dr. Siddesh Aradhyamath, Professor and HoD, who delivered the keynote address, narrated the data of anti microbial effects of established herbal drugs which are in the process of medical practice.

During the scientific session, Dr. Ranjitha Shankare Gowda, Dr. R. Namratha, Dr. H.L. Kalabharathi of JSS Medical College, Dr. H.R. Nataraj, SDM College of Ayurveda, Hassan, Dr. B. Satyanarayan, Muniyal Ayurveda College, Manipal, Dr. Sushanth Patil from SDL Pharma, Dr. S. Sudeesh Kumar, Vaidyarathnam Oushadhasala Pvt. Ltd., presented their papers.

Dr. Sarbeswar Kar, Principal, JSS Ayurveda Medical College, in his presidential address, spoke about the integrated approach essential to reach the national health for all by 2030 which is the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The valedictory address was delivered by Dr. N. Anjaneya Murthy, former Joint Director, Department of AYUSH. Dr. Prasanna N. Rao, Principal, SDM College of Ayurveda, Hassan and Dr. C.P. Madhu, Medical Superintendent, JSS Hospital, were the guests of honour.

Dr. B. Gurubasavaraja, Senior Physician and former Chief Medical Officer, was felicitated.

Organising Committee members Dr. P.P. Aiyanna, Dr. Poornima Jalawadi, Dr. J.V. Adithya, Dr. PKM Poornima were present. More than 350 delegates participated in this seminar offline while over 500 in online mode.

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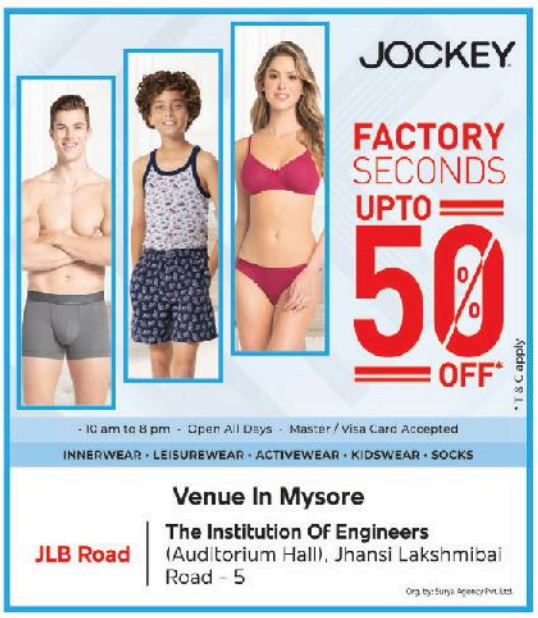
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Probationary Sub-Inspector allegedly cheats girl students

- Accused working at Chamarajanagar SP Office
- Extorted lakhs of rupees from students, blackmailed them
- Students lodge complaint with IGP (Southern Range) and DGP with over 100 documents

Mysuru, Mar. 20- Three girl students have accused a Probationary Sub-Inspector (SI) of having sexual relationship by promising to marry them, later extorting lakhs of rupees from them, sending obscene videos to their phones and blackmailing them by threatening to upload their messages on social media if they do not have sexual relationship with him.

The students, not knowing what to do, approached Mysuru Zilla Budakattu Soliga Abhivrudhi Sangha office-bearers at Kuvempunagar, who in turn has lodged a complaint with IGP (Southern Range) in city and to the Director General of Police (DGP) in Bengaluru. Over 100 documents including WhatsApp chats and Bank transactions have been produced along with the compliant.

According to the complaint, the girl students are from Hunsur, Hassan and Chamarajanagar and belong to SC and ST communities. They are pursuing their first year degree course at a college in Mysuru and the accused Probationary SI is B.H. Jagadish, who is currently serving at Chamarajanagar SP Office.

The SI, who developed friendship with these girls separately, reportedly promised to marry them and used to chat on WhatsApp with them. Promising the girls that he would marry them after he completes the construction of his house, he told them that he was in need of money to complete the house and took lakhs of rupees from them.

When the girls asked him about the marriage, he allegedly abused them by their caste and threatened to upload their chats on social media besides blackmailing them. The SI is also said to have threatened the girls saying that he was a Police officer with political connections and they (girls) can do nothing. The SI had also reportedly sent obscene videos on WhatsApp to the girls.

As the girls were studying in the same college, they shared their agony with each other and it was then they came to know that they were cheated by the same person.

They later approached Mysuru Zilla Budakattu Soliga Abhivrudhi Sangha and told the office-bearers about the ordeal they are facing and gave them copies of their chats with the SI and documents pertaining to cash transactions with the SI. The Sangha office-bearers in turn have lodged complaints against the Probationary SI with the IGP (Southern Range), Mysuru and with the DGP in Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, Chamarajanagar SP Padmini Sahoo said, "We have not received any complaints from the victims. They have lodged complaint with IGP (Southern Range) & DGP. The IGP called me over the phone and told me that the complaint will be forwarded besides asking me to initiate legal action against Probationary SI Jagadish. Once I receive the complaint from the IGP, I will conduct investigation and take legal action."

Drunken men from Kerala cause nuisance at Bavali tribal hamlet

H.D. Kote, Mar. 20- Tension prevailed for some time at the Bavali tribal hamlet located on the Kerala-Karnataka border when an inebriated resident of Kerala attempted to assault a tribal woman who was participating in a protest for the closure of a liquor store on Monday.

The liquor store in question has been established near the tribal hamlet and every day, hundreds of men from Kerala come here to drink. The tribal women asserted that liquor was being sold illegally, leading to residents from Kerala flocking to the area to consume alcohol and causing disturbances.

As they protested to shut down the liquor store, a drunken resident of Kerala attempted to assault the tribal women, prompting them to retaliate.

Jayamma, one of the tribal women, highlighted the proximity of the liquor store to residential areas, emphasising that Kerala residents who consume alcohol often intrude into houses and create issues.

She pointed out that there is a temple and a school within a 100-metre radius of the liquor store and yet liquor sales persist in the vicinity.

Nagesh, another resident of the hamlet, recalled that when C. Shikha served as the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, she had successfully closed down the liquor store due to instances of harassment faced by tribal women from intoxicated individuals. Additionally, laws were implemented against selling liquor in forested areas.

Nagesh lamented the recent reopening of a liquor store directly in front of the hamlet's houses and alleged that residents from Kerala, unable to access liquor in their State, cause disturbances after consuming alcohol here.

Several tribals including Subramanya, C.K. Raju, Manoj, Mahesh, Rajesh, Sannappa, Subbu, Chandru, Chinnappa, Leela, Sarojini, Ammanni, Sundri, Rukmini, Deepu and others participated in the protest.

Four booked for conning Rs. 28 lakh for job

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (BS)- Four persons have been booked on the charge of conning a job aspirant of Rs. 28 lakh, at Narasimharaja (NR) Police Station in the city. Besides, one of the accused has allegedly issued a murder threat to complainant for demanding his money back.

Santosh Kumar, aged 45 years and a resident of J.P. Nagar in Bengaluru, is the victim.

The accused are identified as Hanumanthu of Channapatna, Madhusudan, Shashikumar and Ranganath of Mysuru.

Hanumanthu, who knew Santosh, told the latter about his friend Madhusudan who had successfully brokered Government jobs for many. Santosh, who came to Mysuru, met Madhusudan with a request to do the favour for his niece Kavya. Madhusudan assured to secure the job of Senior Assistant for Kavya at Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Mysuru and demanded Rs. 28 lakh to do the favour.

On May 30, 2023, Santosh allegedly gave Rs. 14 lakh to Madhusudan, but he insisted on Rs. 10 lakh more. He had reportedly told Santosh that, Kavya has to undergo medical test, following which she will receive the offer letter. To substantiate his case, Madhusudan arranged medical test of Kavya at Ambedkar Medical College in Bengaluru and sent a person to accompany her.

He (Madhusudan) told Santosh about Kavya landing a job at KPTCL Office in Kuvempunagar, Mysuru and took her to Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited office at FTS Circle in NR Mohalla here. Prior to that, Madhusudan had collected the remaining amount of Rs. 4 lakh from Santosh.

At NR Mohalla CESC office, a person who was introduced by Madhusudan as Ranganath, Accounts Officer, issued a fake job letter of Kavya and gave a cell phone number of Shashikumar, who allegedly told them to report to duty at KPTCL office in Kuvempunagar.

However, in the later days, Shashikumar started avoiding Santosh over phone, giving some other lame reasons and finally stopped taking his calls.

When Santosh called Madhusudan, the latter allegedly issued a murder threat warning the former not to call him again and told him to forget about the money he had given for the job. He also told Santosh that his niece has not got any job.

Following the murder threat, Santosh has lodged a complaint at NR Police Station.

Woman goes missing

Mamata

Mysuru, Mar. 20- A 38-year-old woman, who left her house in Nanjangud Rural Police Station limits on Mar. 12 at about 2 pm, has since gone missing.

The missing woman is Mamata, wife of B. Mahesh and a resident of Maliyur village in Chamarajanagar taluk.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Mob: 70946-55765 or 63830-29277, according to a press release.

Obituary

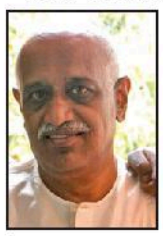
Mehboob Bi

Mysuru, Mar. 20- Mehboob Bi (90), wife of late M. Abdul Azeez Khan and a resident of Ashoka Road West Cross in Lashkar Mohalla, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind three daughters, three sons including Aqheel Ahmed Khan, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road after Asar (5.15 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds.

P.V. Venkatesh



P.V. Venkatesh (69), retired Canara Bank employee and a resident of No. 141, 6th Cross, Ramakrishanagar I Block, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held tomorrow morning at the foot of Chamundi Hill after his son arrives from the US, according to family sources.

Sufia Khanam

Sufia Khanam (81), wife of late Syed Sha Abdul Aleem and a resident of No. 28/B,1st Main, 2nd Cross, Siddiqnagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind two sons including Syed Sha Ahmed Nadeem and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza today at Masjid-e-Ar Rahman at Siddiqnagar after Asar (4.15 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Alemada Arjun

Hunsur: Alemada Arjun (78), a businessman and a resident of V.P. Bore in the town, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the burial grounds next to the Taluk Office in the town this afternoon.

Deepak

Nanjangud: Deepak (42), a resident of Thyagaraja Colony and brother of City Municipal Council Member Sannakki Babu, passed away following a heart attack yesterday.

He leaves behind his mother, brothers, sister, wife and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held near Lingabhattara Gudi this afternoon.

Lok Sabha Polls - 2024

DC, City Top Cop inspect check-posts

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (RK&BCT)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, and City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, conducted inspections of check-posts situated along National Highways, State Highways, District roads and entry and exit points of Mysuru yesterday.

Their visit aimed to evaluate the functioning of these check-posts, which have been set up across various parts of the district to curb any election-related illegal activities. With the Model Code of Conduct in effect, concerns about the potential luring of voters with freebies and the unlawful transportation of cash and other items have arisen.

Consequently, Dr. Rajendra emphasised the strict inspection of vehicles, mandating that the process be videographed. Any suspicions during inspections should prompt comprehensive examinations, with necessary actions taken against any illegal activities, and the respective officials be informed accordingly.

The DC urged the personnel manning the check-posts to maintain courteous behaviour towards individuals compelled to wait their turn to cross over to the other side due to stringent checking measures.

Recognising the inconvenience caused by thorough inspections, Dr. Rajendra emphasised the importance of treating people with respect and understanding during their wait. All the details including names of passengers, registration number of the vehicle, purpose of visit, duration of stay, the day of departure must be recorded in individual ledgers provided for the purpose.

Stressing the intensification of inspections at checkpoints, Dr. Rajendra instructed officers to ensure that every vehicle undergoes inspection without exception and to conduct thorough examinations in case of any suspicions. He also emphasised the importance of ensuring the functionality of CCTV cameras and backups at all check-posts, with necessary provisions made by the local administration.

Given complaints regarding the misuse of money and liquor to influence voters, personnel at checkpoints were urged to remain vigilant. Additionally, Dr. Rajendra called for heightened vigilance in border taluks to crack down on the sale of illicit liquor.

He directed officers to inspect liquor shops daily, monitor stocks, purchases and supplies and take necessary action against discrepancies. Moreover, vigilance was urged at bars and restaurants with warnings issued to owners regarding legal consequences.

42 check-posts to curb poll-related irregularities

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (MK&BS)- In preparation for the Lok Sabha elections on Apr. 26, a comprehensive strategy has been put in place across the district, encompassing 11 Assembly Constituencies, with the establishment of 42 check-posts to deter any potential election-related irregularities.

In Periyapatna Constituency, key check-posts have been positioned at Kellur, Kittur and Halaganahalli. Similarly, in K.R. Nagar Constituency, including Saligrama taluk, check-posts are located at Doddakoppal, Bherya, Hanasoge and Haradanahalli.

In Hunsur, checkpoints at Karnakuppe, Ummaththur, Manuganahalli and Gavadagere have been activated, while H.D. Kote is covered by checkpoints at Kanchamalli, Chamalli Hundi and Bavali. Nanjangud Constituency sees checkpoints at Hediyala, Elachagere and K.R. Pura, whereas T. Narasipur Constituency is monitored by checkpoints at Aravattige Koppal, Yachenahalli, Heggur, Madavadi, T. Bettahalli and Bommanahalli.

Additionally, Varuna Assembly Constituency is under surveillance with check-posts at Thandavapura, Hadajana, and Madegowdanahundi. Chamundeshwari Constituency has check-points at Maidanahalli, J.K.Tyre junction, Harohalli, Kadakola, Rammanahalli and Hotel Atrium, while Krishnaraja Constituency has check-posts established along key routes such as Mysuru-Nanjangud road, Mysuru-H.D.Kote road and Mysuru-T. Narasipur road.

Chamaraja Constituency's checkpoints are strategically positioned at Bogadi, Railway Station, BEML junction, and suburban areas, whereas Narasimharaja Constituency's checkpoints are situated along crucial routes like Mysuru-Bannur road, Mysuru-Mahadevapura road and Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, totalling 42 check-posts district-wide to ensure the smooth conduct of elections.

Voter awareness for Medical Officers held in city

ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri (centre) addressing the Medical Officers during the awareness programme held in city yesterday as DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy and DLO Dr. B. Brinda look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (VNS)- The District Administration and District SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) Committee held a voting awareness programme for Medical Officers under the Department of Health & Family Welfare.

Inaugurating the programme, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K.M. Gayathri said that in the current scenario, learning about the election process, including checking of names in the voter's list, was easier through various Apps.

Urging the officers to participate in the voting process on Apr. 26, Gayathri instructed the officials to ensure that all eligible voters in their family exercise their franchise.

"The Medical Officers including the Taluk Health Officer must create awareness on voting process during the health camps. Doctors should use prescription slips with printed messages to educate the voters. ASHA workers must also be enlightened about the voting process and should be instructed to create awareness among the public," she added.

Speaking on the occasion, Assistant SVEEP Nodal Officer Shantha said that the Voter Helpline App had the information about the voter's list, addition/deletion process, EVM, VVPAT and candidates.

"Public can play a vital role in preventing illegal activities by uploading information along with a photograph at the C-Vigil app for which the identity of the informer will not be revealed," she added.

She also called upon the Medical Officers to educate youngsters attaining the age of 18 years to enrol themselves in the voter's list.

Medical Officers were also administered the oath on the occasion. District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, District Leprosy Officer (DLO) Dr. B. Brinda, District-level Medical Officers and other officials were present.

'Vote for BJP to realise the vision of strong and developed nation'

Women performing 'arathi' to Yaduveer Wadiyar.

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (PM&VNS)- It is important to vote for BJP as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a vision to build a strong nation, said Mysuru-Kodagu BJP Lok Sabha (LS) candidate Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, here yesterday.

He was speaking at a meeting organised by Zilla Brahmana Sangha at Sri Rama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram.

Yaduveer, who sought the support of Vipra communities ahead of LS election, said that he would continue to safeguard the culture and tradition of Mysore Royal Family. "With the support of the people, I look forward to bring about positive changes in the Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency. Since the ancient times, Karnataka has been in the forefront of preserving Indian culture and tradition and the Government of India has been moving forward on the same lines. And to build a strong nation it is important to vote for BJP," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, requested the community members to support Yaduveer Wadiyar like they did for him in the Assembly polls.

Various Vipra organisations, including Vipra Jagruthi Vedike, Vivekananda Brahmana Vedike, Halenadu Brahmana Sangha, Badaganadu Brahmana Sangha, Adarsha Seva Samsthe and others, felicitated Yaduveer Wadiyar on the occasion.

Former Corporators Parthasarathy and M.V. Ramprasad, Gopal Rao, Pushpa Iyengar, Vanaja Pandit of GSSS, Vikram Iyengar, Sudhendra and others were present.

Manipal Sakhi Connect: Celebrating Women's Empowerment

Mysuru, Mar. 20- Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, hosted a first-of-its-kind event, 'Manipal Sakhi Connect ' on Mar.17 at a private hotel in city.

This event marked a significant milestone in fostering women's empowerment, camaraderie, and health awareness within the community.

Rashmi Koti, Managing Editor of *Andolana,* who was the chief guest, spoke about encouraging women's empowerment through columns in the publication and giving space to female writers.

Emphasising the strength and resilience of women, she said, "Women have the power to accomplish whatever they want. Manipal Sakhi Connect is an excellent platform for women to establish strong connections and explore new dimensions."

The event was attended by 120 participants, including guests and dignitaries, coming in support of Women's Health and Wellness initiatives.

The participants were urged to be a part of Manipal Sakhi Connect (through Manipal Community Connect), a unique online portal by Manipal Hospitals that strongly believes in a woman's ability to achieve greatness.

It promotes opportunities for women of all ages and walks of life to express themselves freely, display their talents, celebrate victories and inspire each other.

Additionally, this platform paves the opportunity for important conversations concerning health matters by encouraging women to prioritise their wellness and advocate health awareness among their communities.

Pramod Kunder, Hospital Director, said, "Manipal Sakhi Connect aims at creating a supportive ecosystem where women uplift and empower each other, laying a foundation for a brighter and healthier future for all."

On the occasion, 24 exemplary women across various fields, including dietitians and nutritionists, educationists, athletes, entrepreneurs, inspiring cancer survivors, authors, life coaches, musicians, dancers and lawyers were felicitated.

Fire engulfs house

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As the fire engulfed the main door and window frames, the wooden furniture and electronic gadgets in the living room also caught fire. Owing to the extreme heat, a part of the ceiling of the ground floor has also been damaged. However, a van parked outside the compound has been left undamaged.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel from Hebbal Fire Station succeeded in dousing the fire in an hour-long operation.

However, most of the articles on the ground floor of the house had been reduced to cinders by that time. Metagalli Police, who visited the spot, conducted a spot mahazar and registered a case.

KRS Dam water level dips to 87.31 ft amid scorching heat

The water level at KRS Dam in Srirangapatna Taluk of Mandya district is precariously low when compared to 2023. This photo was taken on Mar. 18, 2024 by G.S. Ravishankar.

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In fact, the Dam can store water up to 49.452 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet), but the present live capacity is just 14.398 ft. The rest of the water (8.379) is dead storage, comprising silt and sediments, which are unfit for drinking purposes.

In the wake of the lack of rainfall in the Cauvery catchment areas in Kodagu last year, the water level at the Dam only touched a maximum of 110 ft this year instead of its maximum capacity of 124.80 ft. Consequently, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah did not have the opportunity to offer 'Bagina' (a traditional offering in honour of the River Goddess) at the Dam, a practice followed by all Chief Ministers when the Dam becomes full.

Only for drinking purposes

Realising the precarious situation, the authorities from the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), responsible for managing the KRS Dam, have halted the release of water for irrigation through Visvesvaraya Canal, Varuna Canal and RBLL Canals. Currently, water is being allocated solely for drinking purposes in Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award held in Mysuru

RYLARIANS from abroad and Karnataka at Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp held at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri, Mysuru, recently.

Mysuru, Mar. 20-A two-day Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) was conducted by Rotary Mysore Midtown on Mar.9 and 10 at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri Campus here.

The event unfolded with various learning sessions like Cardio-Pulmonary resuscitation wherein an intensivist Dr. Raghunath Aladakatti held a workshop. The participants had hands-on experience on manikin. He also gave in-depth importance of automated external defibrillator (AED).

Jagadish Adappa from Chennai enlightened the participants about fire safety and highlighted how to douse various types of fire.

Deepak Vohra, IFS, former Ambassador, enthralled the youths with his mind-boggling speech about India today and yesteryears.

Dr. Usha Yanamandra from Hyderabad gave a talk on Social Intelligence and Youth Diplomacy. She emphasised on the role of social media in the lives of youths.

Chetan Ram gave a talk on Leadership Development and role of youth in the education and development of the nation.

Bhanuchandran, a Strategist and Financial Consultant, gave a talk on the financial management for youth with inputs on savings, investment and capital growth.

The evening witnessed a cultural extragavanza with DJ Night and the morning was renewed by Preethi Padaki taking the Zumba Session.

The Motivation session by Vinay Kanchan from Mumbai stirred the minds of youths to overcome the obstacles and pursue their dreams.

The grand show was captivated by Ganesh Kudroli who left the crowd speechless by his witty tricks and just kept the whole crowd in illusion.

About 220 RYLARIANs from Mysuru, Mangaluru, Puttur and a few from Kenya, South Africa and Bangaladesh participated.

Earlier the programme was inaugurated by DG Rtn. Keshav of RI Dist 3181 and culminated with a Pep talk by DGE Rtn. Ramakrishna of RI Dist 3181. The RYLA meet was coordinated by Mohan Gurumurthy, Srinivasan and Satyendra of Rotary Mysore Midtown.

Enough water in KRS, Kabini reservoirs: CM Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, Mar. 20 (Agencies)- Reassuring residents amid the ongoing water crisis in the city, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stated on Monday that there is sufficient water for drinking purposes, with the storage in KRS and Kabini reservoirs standing at 11.02 tmcft and 9.02 tmcft, respectively.

Following an emergency meeting on tackling the water scarcity with officials from the Urban Development Department and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Siddaramaiah attributed the scarcity to the failure of borewells in the outer limit areas of BBMP.

Out of 14,000 government borewells, 6,900 have dried up, affecting 55 of the 110 villages merged into the BBMP. In response, he directed officials to drill more borewells, fill 14 major lakes from KC Valley and hire tankers from the Karnataka Milk Federation to ensure water supply to slum areas.

Presently, the BWSSB is supplying 1,470 MLD through Cauvery lines and 650 MLD through borewells, but providing 500 MLD water to outer areas remains a challenge due to borewell reliance. Siddaramaiah emphasised increasing the number of control rooms to address public concerns and expressed optimism about additional water supply once Cauvery Stage V becomes operational.

With expectations of a monsoon in June, Siddaramaiah highlighted efforts to provide water to all 110 villages around Bengaluru and alleviate the water scarcity crisis.

Process of taluk-wise EVM allocation begins

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (MTY&BCT)- The process of segregating and allocating Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) to various Taluks of Mysuru district, falling under the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency, began at the EVM Warehouse near the new Deputy Commissioner's Office at Siddarthanagar this morning.

Overseeing the operation were Deputy Commissioner and District Electoral Officer Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Additional Deputy Commissioner P. Shivaraju and Mysuru District EVM and VVPAT (Voter Verified Paper Audit Trails) Nodal Officer G.T. Dinesh Kumar, who also serves as the Commissioner of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Since the last Assembly polls, the machines have been stored in three rooms, their seals and locks untouched until today. After the doors were opened, each machine underwent scanning to record and segregate them according to their respective taluks.

In total, over 2,915 machines are slated for distribution to all taluks, with each taluk receiving an additional 10 machines as contingency measures for any potential issues with the EVMs, thus totalling 2,925 machines. This systematic approach ensures the readiness and efficiency of the electoral process, fostering transparency and reliability in the democratic exercise.

One of the three rooms where EVMs are stored at the EVM Warehouse in Siddarthanagar. The rooms were opened this morning and process began to segregate the EVMs talukwise.

Following the scanning process, which is anticipated to continue overnight, officials will deliberate on the appropriate date to transfer the machines to their respective taluks, ensuring stringent security measures throughout the process.

With the elections still a month away, officers are not under undue pressure and are methodically completing tasks in phased stages. This approach allows for meticulous planning and execution, thereby instilling confidence in the electoral process and ensuring its smooth conduct when the time arrives.

Stationery required for poll process

Amidst preparations for the upcoming elections, the stationery required for the poll process, including trays, notepads, pens, wax, seals, plastic containers, cloth and other essential items, has been delivered from the markets to the new Deputy Commissioner's Office.

Efforts are underway to segregate and allocate these items to each polling booth within specific taluks. A comprehensive checklist has been devised outlining the essentials for each polling booth, ensuring systematic allocation of items as per requirements. Officer Shubha has been designated as the Nodal Officer for overseeing distribution and management of stationery, further streamlining the logistical aspects of the electoral process.

CCTVs, video viewing, social media monitoring team

Unlike previous elections, where private videographers and photographers were hired to monitor and report poll violations, this time, over 100 employees from the Revenue Department have been trained to capture videos and photos and promptly report any irregularities to the Media Monitoring Cell.

Additionally, a 24x7 TV viewing team at the new DC Office, led by Prof. Puttaswamy and Shivakumar, is tasked with monitoring all local and Kannada channels, including cable networks, to identify inflammatory speeches, communally sensitive statements, and any other remarks that contravene the election code.

Also dedicated Social Media Monitoring Cell has been setup, comprising 10 members under the leadership of H.S. Bindiya, Research Officer at Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI). This team is responsible for monitoring all social media platforms to detect and address any violations promptly.

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Government will build over 2 lakh houses for shelterless in a year: Housing Minister

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (MK&DM)- Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan said that the State Government has set a target of constructing 2.33 lakh houses for the shelterless under various housing schemes in a year.

He was speaking after laying the foundation stone at a programme organised under the joint aegis of Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation, District Administration and MCC, for the construction of 1,440 Group Houses of S-9 type for the shelterless beneficiaries of Krishnaraja (KR) and Varuna Assembly Constituencies (940 for KR Constituency and 500 for Varuna Constituency), under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, in Lalithadripura at the foot of Chamundi Hill here recently. These houses will be built in a 13.5 acre area adjoining the Ring Road at Lalithadripura.

Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan** (third from right) **seen after laying the foundation stone for the construction of 1,440 Group Houses at Lalithadripura recently as** (from left) **Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority Member Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and others look on.

Pointing out that while 1.8 lakh houses will be built by Slum Development Board, 53,000 houses by Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation, Zameer said that the Slum Development Board has already distributed 36,000 houses to beneficiaries and 48,000 more will be built and distributed after the LS polls.

The Minister further said that the Siddaramaiah Government, out of concerns for the poor, has decided to release Rs. 8,500 crore for providing a subsidy of Rs. 5 lakh for construction of every house built by Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Lashing out at the Opposition for criticising the Guarantee schemes of the Congress, Zameer said that the Siddaramaiah-led Congress Government has belied the Opposition by effectively introducing all the Five Pre-poll Guarantees in a span of just nine months after coming to power.

KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, in his address, said that the Chief Minister has resolved the long standing issue of distribution of sites to beneficiaries of KR Assembly Constituency. It is a matter of joy that beneficiaries of Varuna Assembly segment too are getting sites, he added.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu, MCC Deputy Commissioner Kusuma Kumari, Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Managing Director Susheelamma, CM's Special Officer Vijay, Guarantee Scheme Implementation Authority Member and Karnataka Pradesh Mahila Congress State President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath and others were present.

Treat girl children on par with boys: Judge Dinesh

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (MTY&BS)- Senior Civil Judge and Member-Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) B.G. Dinesh said: "Instead of according special position to girl children at home and society, it is better to treat them on par with boys."

Judge Dinesh was speaking after flagging off an awareness jatha against harassment of women, organised by DLSA in association with Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP) and Dhwani Mahila Okkuta in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple recently.

"Special treatment should not be given to girl children. If girls are provided special privileges since childhood, it will create a feeling of inequality among boys and girls at home. Instead, they should be given equal opportunities," Judge Dinesh added.

The Central and State Governments have launched several programmes for the safety of women, along with special laws related to property rights, Harassment of Women (Prohibition) Act and Right to Alimony under various sections of law. The rules have been framed in the Constitution to ensure that women should not be discriminated on the basis of gender. The Constitution vouches for providing opportunities to women on par with men, the Judge said.

"By making use of various facilities provided by the Government, women should be financially empowered and to achieve this, education is essential. Earlier, the literacy rate involving girl children was less, which has improved now. In this wake, everybody should compulsorily educate their girl children and refrain from conducting child marriages," he advised.

In the present situation, women are progressing in every field and are working on par with men. There should not be any discrimination at work place too and women should come up utilising all the facilities provided by the Government, said Judge Dinesh.

Director of RLHP Saraswathi said: "We have been working to safeguard the interest of women and children for the past several years. Besides, we are also working towards educating the children of slum areas."

The jatha was followed by a main event at Rangacharlu Memorial Town Hall. Secretary of RLHP V.K. Jose inaugurated the programme. Theatre personality Rameshwari Verma presented her views on 'Women Empowerment.'

President of Dhwani Mahila Okkuta Vasantha presided. President of Slum Dwellers Federation Das and others were present.

'Women hold key to healthy family'

'Prerana Awards' conferred on achievers

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (MTY&BS)- Dr. S.S. Malini, HoD, Genetics and Genomics, University of Mysore, said: "If women at home are healthy, the family will also be safe and healthy."

She was speaking during the 113th International Women's Day celebrations organised at Organisation for the Development of People (ODP) at Bannimantap in city recently.

"Women are efficiently handling their responsibilities in the society and at home. Be it any task, they possess special energy to handle them. The women embodied with values like peace, patience, caring nature and humanitarian values should focus on keeping good health. It is the responsibility of all to prevent any feelings of discrimination among men and women. If women make up her mind, she can get rid of any gender-based discrimination in the society," she said.

Earlier, Inspector Geetha of Police Control Room, who inaugurated the programme, said: "Women are still subjected to atrocities, both at home and society. But still, it is a good sign that women are achieving in different fields, overcoming the challenges. Women should courageously face the odds and the Police Department is always ready to protect them. They can air their grievances on toll-free number 112."

President of ODP Mysuru Dr. Bernard Moras, who is also the Apostolic Administrator of Mysore Diocese, said: "Women have been enjoying special treatment since earlier and hence they should be treated with humility. Women should derive inspiration from achievers in several other fields."

Achievers from diverse fields were presented 'Prerana Awards' on the occasion. The recipients of the award are as follows: Mysuru taluk's Shalini from Indira Colony and Bhavani from Gundurao Nagar, Kodagu district's Safiya from Bettada Kadu and K.V. Sujitha from Maldare, Virajpet taluk.

As many as 1,000 saplings were distributed to women on the occasion. Mysore Diocese Priest Alfred John Mendonca, Director of ODP Alex Prashanth Sequeira, President of Mahilodaya Mahila Okkuta Lathamani, Pushpa, M. Vani and others were present.

Maharaja's College, Mysore Varsity & Economics Department of 50s –1

By H.K. Shivananda, IAS (Retd.)

Shivananda

After studying in Bangalore until my Intermediate, I moved to Maharaja's College in Mysore from 1954 to 1958 for my B.A. (Hons.) and M.A. in Economics. During my first year, I resided at the JSS free hostel on Vani Vilas Road, open to all communities.

Hostel life significantly improved my physical health and instilled positive qualities that have benefited me later in life. I am grateful to the institution and Pontiff Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji for this enriching experience.

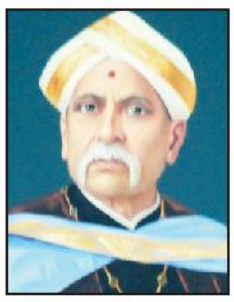
My father, H.K. Rajashekaraiya, working as Superintendent of Police, was transferred as the Principal of Police Training College, Mysore in 1955. This allowed me to live with my parents for the next three years. After his retirement, we stayed in Nazarbad until 1966.

Then, Karnataka had only two Universities: Karnatak University in Dharwad and the University of Mysore. The establishment of Mysore University in 1916, under the visionary guidance of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Dewan Sir M. Visvesvaraya, marked a significant milestone. It was India's sixth University, and great care was taken to appoint VCs to ensure its strong foundation.

Following the initial four-year term of **H.V. Nanjundaiya as the first VC,** subsequent leaders included Brajendra Nath Seal, a renowned figure in Philosophy and Indology from Bengal; Metcalfe, an Englishman; and N.S. Subba Rao, a student of Alfred Marshall in Cambridge and a contemporary of Keynes in Economics. During my college days, Prof. V.L. D'Souza and Kuvempu (Kuppalli Venkatappa Puttappa) served as VCs.

In the sixties, two distinguished individuals from outside Karnataka were appointed as VCs. In 1963, Sardar K.M. Pannikar, a statesman, diplomat, and historian, known for his service as Indian Ambassador to China, Egypt and France, was appointed VC.

Unfortunately, he passed away in December 1963. Later, K.L. Shrimali from Rajasthan, who had served as Union Minister of Education from 1955 to 1963, was appointed VC. He served a full term of five years (1964-69) and introduced the practice of appointing IAS Officers as Registrar and Controller of Examinations. Shrimali then moved to Banaras Hindu University and served as VC for another eight years (1969-77).



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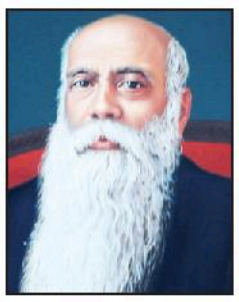


Brajendra Nath Seal

Kuvempu

Maharaja's College, Mysore

Central College of Bangalore, housing all PG Science degrees and Maharaja's College in Mysore offering all PG humanities degrees, were the key institutions under Mysore University.

Central College also accommodated a PG English Department alongside its Science courses, while Maharaja's College included a PG Statistics Department alongside Humanities. In the old Mysore area, Maharaja's College served as the hub for higher education in the Humanities, until the Vice-Chancellor's Office shifted to Crawford Hall in 1947.

Over 26 years, Maharaja's College saw distinguished leadership from two Principals: N.S. Subba Rao (1917-28) and Prof. J.C. Rollo (1928-1943). During my tenure, notable Principals included T.A. Purushottam (1954-55), Kuvempu (1955-56) and C.D. Narasimhaiah (1956-62). However, after the PG courses moved to the new campus at Manasagangothri in 1960, Maharaja's College experienced a decline in prominence.

The illustrious reputation of these colleges is underscored by the fact that three Bharat Ratnas — C. Rajagopalachari, Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Prof. C.N.R. Rao — were alumni of Central College, while another Bharat Ratna and former President of India S. Radhakrishnan served as a faculty at Maharaja's College from 1918-21. The Philosophy Department flourished during this period, with notable faculty like A.R. Wadia as HoD, S. Radhakrishnan and Hiriyanna.

During the fifties at Maharaja's College, where I studied, all departments boasted exceptional faculty members. Kuvempu and D.L. Narasimhachar in Kannada, C.D. Narasimhaiah and Bharat Raj Singh in English, N.A. Nikam and Yamunacharya in Philosophy, Kuppuswamy in Psychology, Srikanta Shastry in History, M.H. Gopal and G.T. Huchappa in Economics, K.B.Y. Thotappa in Political Science, Venkatarayappa in Sociology and Ekambaram in Statistics, among others, were renowned HoDs.

I vividly recall Kuvempu driving his car from his residence, 'Udaya Ravi', to the side entrance of Maharaja's College, where he would park and walk up to his office daily.

Economics Department

The Economics Department was conveniently located near the side entrance of Maharaja's College, with classes held in Room No. 18 on the Ground Floor. M.H. Gopal, renowned in the field of Public Finance and author of several books, served as our Professor and HoD. His brother, M.H. Krishna, a distinguished historian and archaeologist, had also previously taught at Mysore University.

In 1956-57, M.H. Gopal moved to Madras University as the Ford Foundation Professor. G.T. Hutchappa, who returned to Mysore after completing advanced studies at New York University, assumed the role of Professor and had a lengthy tenure as HoD. He had been honoured as the best outgoing student of the year at New York University. Despite not being prolific in his written output, he mentored numerous young scholars and steered them towards success.

[To be continued]

Anthology of poems *'Gaaliya Ede Seeli Horata Hakki'* released

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (PM&TRR)- "Poetry is a search route for the fine blend of knowledge and happiness. It seeks to overcome the fantasies of new world and unravel the reality. Because of this reason, poetry has more responsibility now than ever before," opined critic Dr. R. Tarini Shubhadayini.

She made these observations at a function organised to mark the release of a book 'Gaaliya Ede Seeli Horata Hakki' anthology of poems penned by poet S.K. Manjunath, at Rotary auditorium on JLB road in the city on Mar. 16. The function was organised jointly by Mysuru Geleyaru and Lumbini Prakashana.

"Many wonder whether literary enthusiasts have lost interest in poetry. This is mainly because a new narrative is being practiced to understand poetry. We are now at a time where we are trying to understand the literature according to our social strata. Even our understanding and writing sensibilities are bordering our political ideologies. If we observe the decades of the 21st century, it appears we are in a period of negation, refuting what we have in the present system. No efforts are made to create anything new. Hence, we face the question; Do We lack interest to read poetry," said Dr. Tarini.

Continuing, she said that poetry has that inherent seed in it which can grow as a big tree." We only need to ensure a smooth passage for that. Unlike prose, poetry doesn't convey anything directly. Light reflects directly everywhere but it reflects in a zig zag manner in water. Similarly, poetry is a medium of refraction and expression of thoughts. It conveys something even as it hides something. Poetry should not just be a medium of expression. Rather, it should be a quest for truth. Poetry is also a path of knowledge, happiness and wisdom for a community," added the critic.

"We are perhaps at the preparatory level to herald a new era of the rise of knowledge, through poetry. But we are facing a paucity of proper planning to demolish the old house and to build a new one in its place," concluded critic Dr.Tarini.

Earlier Wildlife Photographer Krupakar released the book. Writer G.P. Basavaraju presided.

Writer Modoor Teja, S.K. Manjunath and Prof. Govindaraju Lakshmipura were present.

Actor Darshan's fans create awareness on feeding birds, animals

Mysuru, Mar. 20- Responding to sandalwood actor Darshan's appeal to take care of animals and birds during summer by providing them food and water, fans of the actor placed food and water for animals at Krishnaraja Boulevard, opposite Law Courts in city recently.

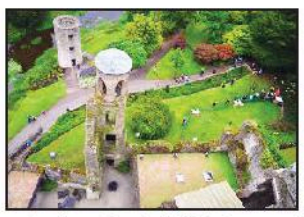
Nature lover Bannur Mahendra Singh Kalappa inaugurated the programme by placing food grains in boxes. Speaking on the occasion, he said that actor Darshan had given a call in social media for his fans to provide food and water for birds and animals and responding to that we are providing food and water.

Mysuru City and District Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash, briefed about giving broken rice grains, millets and other feeds to animals and birds.

Member of Brahmins Association S.K. Mittal, Bar Association Vice-President Umesh, Convenor of Darshan Abhimani Balaga Bhyrathi Lingaraju, Jeevadhara Blood Bank Director Girish, Prakash, Priyadarshan, G. Raghavendra, Kadakola Jagadish and others participated in the programme.

WORD OF THE DAY

Blarney



Pronunciation: BLAR-nee.
Meaning: Blarney refers to false but charming talk that often flatters the listener.
Origin: The village of Blarney in County Cork, Ireland, is home to Blarney Castle, and in the southern wall of that edifice lies the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that anyone who kisses the Blarney Stone will gain the gift of skillful flattery, but that gift must be attained at the price of some limber maneuvering — you have to lie down and hang your head over a precipice to reach and kiss the stone. One story claims the word blarney gained popularity as a word for "flattery" after Queen Elizabeth I of England used it to describe the flowery (but apparently less than honest) cajolery of McCarthy Mor, who was then the lord of Blarney Castle.
Example: "Some tales are mundane, like the song about Molly Malone: 'In Dublin fair city, the girls are so pretty ...' Did such a woman ever exist? There's a record of a Mary Malone who lived (and died) in the 17th century. She was likely both a fishmonger and a lady of the night. ... Some tales are blarney. Blarney Castle dates to 1446, and there's a slab of carboniferous limestone near the top. It's said to be the stone used by Jacob as a pillow when he dreamt of a ladder to heaven. Others say Clíodhna, Queen of the Banshees, told Cormac Laidir MacCarthy to kiss the stone so he would be eloquent when defending his home in the court of Queen Elizabeth." — Kevin Fisher-Paulson, The San Francisco Chronicle, 28 Mar. 2023..

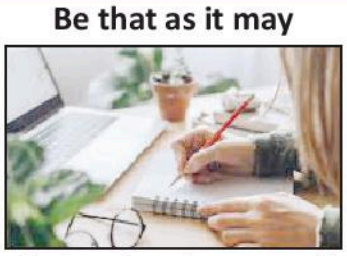
THE ODD WORD

Barbiton

Lute or lyre with many strings.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Be that as it may



Meaning: The phrase 'Be that as it may' means even if what you say is true.
Origin: The phrase 'Be that as it may' is English in origin, dating back to Geoffrey Chaucer's time, when it appeared as 'Be as be may.' In Old English, 'mæg' meant 'am able' as the verb 'may' does today. The term was also used in Old English as an auxiliary of prediction.
Example:"Be that as it may, I still cannot help you."

QUOTE BOX

Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye.— **Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

£1000 CANYON

Answer :Grand canyon.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Egyptian deity
5 BJP and their allies?
8 Goya's "The Duchess of __"
12 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
13 Hard cement mixture
15 Lacking strength of mind, courage or spirit
17 Rocky crest - "eater" anagram
18 Energy source
19 BSE deal
21 Feeling remorse for
24 Fall behind
27 Where a trapped person finds himself? (2,1,6)
30 India's real-time payment system
31 Evil spirit
32 Order of St. Augustine
33 Play for time?
35 Regional Sales Manager, abbr.
36 Microsoft's spreadsheet software
37 Gentle handling, initially
39 Means of travel
41 Cowboy's rope
45 Army officer supplying food and equipment
49 Personification of the US government (5,3)
50 Allowance made for weight of box etc.
51 Sturdy trees
52 180 degrees from NNW
53 Eons or epochs

DOWN

1 Dad
2 A trip or a journey
3 Church recess
4 Caribbean Republic
5 Natl. Chem. Lab
6 Dead on arrival, acronym
7 She looks just the same coming back
8 Protective coat of metal
9 Constellation : The lesser lion (3,5)
10 Quantity of heat in FPS units
11 Roman bronze - "sea" change?
14 A grass, a source of oil used in making perfume, soap etc
16 A mineral of the mica group, potassium lithium aluminum silicate
20 Unique or singular person
22 Headland
23 Poly -___ or epi-___ (same suffix for both)?
24 Stringed instrument
25 Summit
26 Description of badly made knick-knacks
28 Mon ___ : my friend, but in French?
29 Price
34 Jewels found in oysters
38 Hindu social class
40 Not so much
42 Celestial body
43 Antitoxins
44 Mine products
45 Status ___ : existing state of affairs
46 Actress Merkel
47 Ethiopian prince
48 Mrs in Marseille

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	S	H	A	■	E	R	I	K	■	A	L	I
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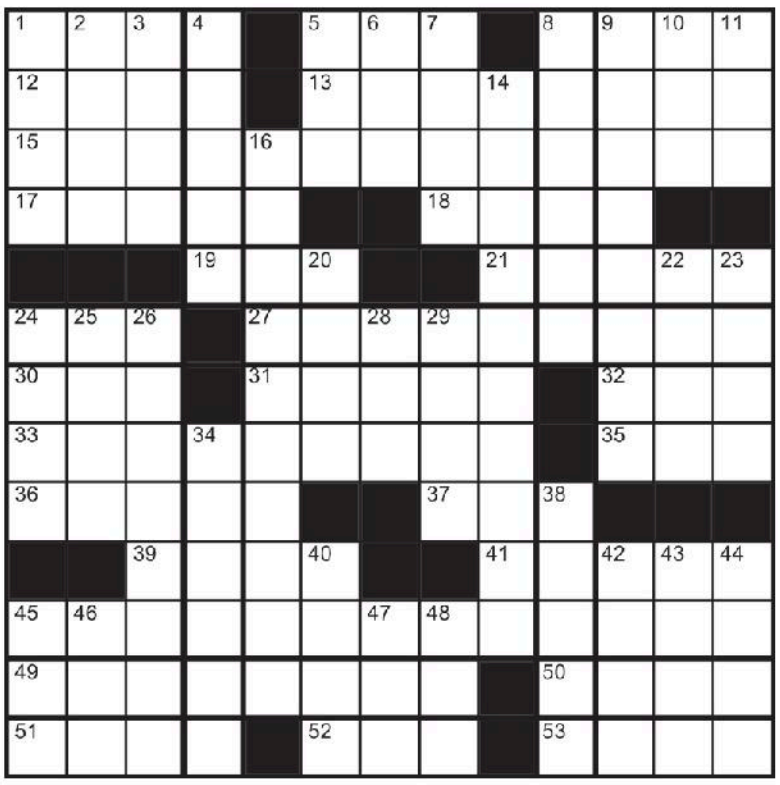

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

6	3	2	5	1	7	8	4	9
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4	2	5	1	6	8	7	9	3
8	9	6	2	7	3	5	1	4
1	7	3	4	5	9	6	8	2
2	6	1	7	9	4	3	5	8
3	4	7	6	8	5	9	2	1
9	5	8	3	2	1	4	6	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HGG FUKMLJ DI H GRHZ DA LJR BHUE, H

IZKALHARKXI XAZURCRBDLHLRB HTL MDLJKXL

LJR PRARYDL KY RNZRUDRATR.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We were happily married for eight months. Unfortunately, we were married for four and a half years.

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 5.45 pm, 7.50, 9.55 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	(S-1)	12.25 pm; (S-2) 7.15 pm
Chow Chow Bath (K)	(S-1)	3.25 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Dune Part 2 (E)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Somu Sound Engineer (K)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
Mehbooba (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Kerebete (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Bastar - Naxal Story (H)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Razakar (Te)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Jackie (K)	(S-4)	8 am, 10.50 am, 10.10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Yodha (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.20 pm

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Jackie (K)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm
Yodha (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	11.30 am, 4.15 pm, 7.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	1.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	:	2:05 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	:	4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Razakar (K)	:	4.15 pm
Razakar (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Mehabooba (K)	:	4.35 pm
Chow Chow Bath (K)	:	7.10 pm

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Kung Fu panda 4 (E-3D)	:	10 am, 12.15 pm, 3.05 pm, 5.20 pm, 7.35 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.25, 10.30 pm
Mehabooba (K)	:	10.15 am
Yodha (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.15 pm
Kerebete (K)	:	1.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.30 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	:	3.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	:	4.25 pm
Jackie (K)	:	7.15 pm
Photo (K)	:	10.20 pm

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Somu Sound Engineer (K)	:	10 am
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.20 am, 3 pm, 10.20 pm
Yodha (H)	:	10.25 am, 1.20 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	:	10.50 am, 7.35 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	12.45 pm, 5.55 pm, 8.10 pm, 10.25 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	1.10 pm, 7.20 pm
Jackie (K)	:	1.35 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	4.05 pm
Blink (K)	:	4.40 pm

City Lecturer wins 'Grand Performer of the Season' in *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* 20

M. Amulya** (extreme right), **Lecturer in Architecture, JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled (JSS PDA), Mysuru, who emerged as the 'Grand Performer of the Season Sa Re Ga Ma Pa 20,' has won a Maruti Grand Vitara car as a token of appreciation. She is seen receiving the prize from her mentor Indu Nagaraj and one of the Programme Judges Vijaya Prakash. Also seen are judges noted singer & music director Arjun Janya and renowned singer Rajesh Krishnan. The programme was aired on Mar. 17 in Zee Kannada channel. Amulya is the daughter of B. Manjunath and N. Pankaja, residents of E&F Block, Ramakrishnanagar.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 20)

- **Sri Kalanikethana School of Art, Mysuru - Sree Kalanikethana College of Vishul Art:** Digital Art Exhibition, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 4 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Punyakoti Seva Trust:** Nudi Namana to K. Shivaram, Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, Suyog Hospital Founder Dr. S.P. Yoganna main speaker, Vishwamanava Mysore University Employees Forum PresidentR. Vasudev chief guest, Punyakoti Seva Trust President Hanumantesh organiser, Block Resource Person S.D. Shivanna comperes, singer Hinkal Mallesh renders invocation, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **4 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 21)

- **Sri Kalanikethana School of Art, Mysuru - Sree Kalanikethana College of Vishul Art:** Digital Art Exhibition, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 4 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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Jackie (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Kerebete (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Karataka Damaraka (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 7.15 pm; (S-2) 9.55 am
Shaitaan (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Yodha (H)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.25 pm
	(S-4)	2.35 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	(S-3)	4.40 pm; (S-4) 9.45 am
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-4)	12.20 pm, 5.30, 7.45 pm, 10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 3.05 pm, 8.15 pm
Yodha (H)	:	10 am, 12.10 pm, 5.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Mehabooba (K)	:	10.30 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.50 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.15 pm
Somu Sound Engineer (K)	:	1.30 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	4.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4.10 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	:	4.20 pm
Photo (K)	:	7.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Calling women

Mysuru, Mar. 20- As part of International Women's Day celebrations, various competitions have been organised for women at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar on Mar. 26 between 9.30 am and 1.30 pm, under the aegis of Sakhi Foundation and Surya Charitable Trust. It features 'Super Atte-Sose' for mother-in-law and daughter-in-law; Desi Softdrinks Competition; Entertainment Competition, Rangoli Competition; 'Sakhigondu Saree' programme.

On the occasion, 'Spoorthi Sakhi' award will be conferred on Sudha Yoganna, Pushpa Iyengar, Jayalakshmi Venkataramu, Suma Subramanya and Vidu. Nethra Nandan by former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, former KEA Chairman Mallige Veeresh and social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee. Those interested may call Mob: 83103-06882 or 99647-90442 by Mar. 24.

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